REMARKS

Claims 1-30 and 51-60 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 16 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1, 16, and 19 are independent claims.

Drawings

The Examiner asserts that the replacement Drawings sheets were not received. A review of the file shows that the three sheets of replacement Drawings were submitted with the response filed July 17, 2006. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the three sheets of replacement Drawings are attached hereto.

Examiner Interview

The undersigned discussed claims 1, 16 and 19 with Examiner Alanko in a telephonic interview on August 15, 2006. It is Applicant's understanding (based on that discussion) that amendment of claims 1 and 16 as shown herein will adequately address the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102. Applicant and the undersigned thank the Examiner for her courtesy.

Applicants believe that the above amendments to claims 1 and 16 adequately address the Examiner's concerns regarding further recitation of the sequential nature of the reactants.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the various rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-30 and 51-60 is respectfully requested

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano, Reg. No. 35,094 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to schedule a personal interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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